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LI: Compare the viewpoint of authors on the same topic

In this essay I am going to be arguing in support of killing cane toads. I have read lots of articles that have convinced me that these creatures are a menacing pest. I will also consider those arguments in defence of these feared animals, however my main viewpoint is against these outlawed monsters.

From my research into reading cane toad news articles and reports, it has become apparent that these horrific creatures are destroying the native species of Australia. For them to stop the madness they must be eradicated. Even though this may seem harsh and animals should be treated equally, it is essential that these deadly devils deserve to die!

Cane toads are, "... big, ugly, creatures...", (Mercer 2006) which are covered in warts and poisonous skin and glands. They were transported into Australia in 1935 to keep the population of cane beetles from growing and protect the cane sugar plantations. Unfortunately this plan did not go as expected because the cane toad colony expanded rapidly.

Why are they a pest? Queensland politician Shane Kruth says that, "they are one of the most destructive animals and the most disgusting creatures" that he has seen. He went on to say "they are

killing our native wildlife and taking over our habitat." (BBC News, 2012) Furthermore Robert Capan said "We go on to great lengths to protect the environment from human impact and then the toads came through and knock out thousands of varieties of native wildlife." (The Telegraph 2012). This claim is further supported by Australia's environment minister Ian Campbell in the Epoch Times who stated that, "The cane toads are a blight on our landscape." ~~The cane~~ (The Epoch Times 2005)

Despite this, people such as Nick Squires have more favourable opinions. He claims "Whacking a few with golf clubs doesn't work. Nine times out of ten the cane toads will get up and hop away," Squires (2008). Although the general opinion that people hold is concerned with more humane ways to kill the toads such as paralyzing them with haemorrhoid cream.

It was evident from the difficulty of finding information in support of cane toads that they don't have a lot of friends. Inevitably this led to me concluding that toads are a horrible menace and no matter how uncomfortable it may be to kill any creatures, in this case it would be necessary.

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